



# Sussex County Emergency Medical Services

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## NEWS RELEASE

### *Sussex County EMS Welcomes Associate Medical Director*

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[Georgetown-DE] Paul T. Cowan, Jr., D.O. was recently named by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services as the Sussex County EMS Associate Medical Director. In this new position, Dr. Cowan will assist Sussex County EMS Medical Director Kevin Bristowe, MD in providing medical oversight and direction for the county's paramedic service. According to SCEMS Director Glenn Luedtke, "this new addition to our staff is reflective of our growth as an organization and the commitment of both the State and County EMS agencies to the highest quality patient care."

According to State Medical Director Ross Megargel, D.O., "The addition of Dr. Cowan will help to ensure that Sussex County and Delaware provide a medically unified Emergency Medical System involving Public Information, EMS Communications, First Responders, Basic Life Support providers, Paramedics and "Base Station" physicians."

As an emergency physician and former paramedic, Dr. Cowan brings an interesting perspective to Sussex County EMS. Prior to attending medical school Dr. Cowan was a Kent County Delaware Paramedic and served on the State Paramedic Advisory Committee. During his residency at Christiana Care Health System in Stanton, Delaware Dr. Cowan served as Chief Resident and was named Resident of the Year in 2002. He graduated from

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medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Cowan completed his post-Baccalaureate Pre-Med Curriculum at Delaware State University, in Dover, Delaware, and has a Bachelor's Degree from East Stroudsburg University in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

At this year's Annual EMS Week Award's Banquet, Dr. Cowan was named EMS Physician of the Year for 2003. He is currently President Elect of the Delaware Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and has previously served as Treasurer and Secretary. Dr. Cowan's wife Cheryl is a Nurse Anesthetist for Delaware Anesthesia at Beebe Medical Center. A native of Smyrna, Dr. Cowan and his wife now live in Lewes, Delaware.

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